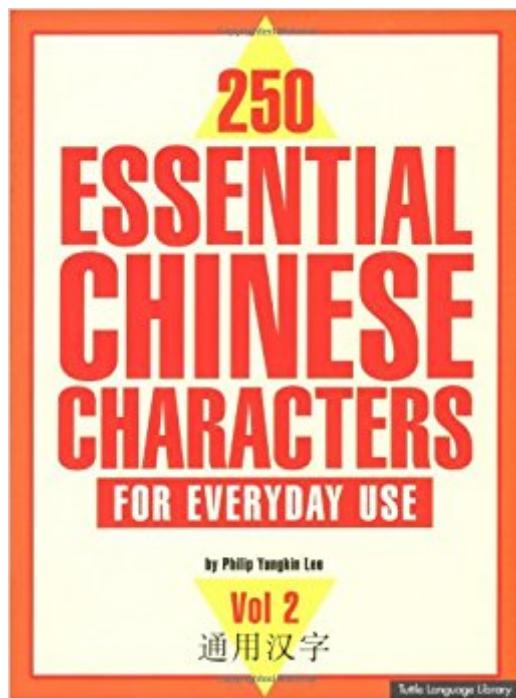


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# 250 Essential Chinese Characters For Everyday Use: Volume 2



## Synopsis

A companion to 250 Essential Chinese Characters Vol. 1, this learning and reference book covers a further 250 of the most common Chinese characters. Each character is shown in both simplified and traditional form, along with its pronunciation and meaning. Information is given about the radical and other components. The character configuration and stroke order are clearly shown, along with other tips to help form it correctly.

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"These two books are excellent to learn to write the characters and understand their meaning and how they were created. The books present both the simplified version used in Mainland China, and the complex version used in Taiwan and Hong Kong." â "Goodreads

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I love this series--this is the way to learn Chinese characters! Included is a breakdown of the

character components including radio and sound parts, and each is accompanied by a solid 8 or so two character words of which the character is a component with example sentences. My only beef is why did they make the example words and sentences so tiny? But nothing else like this is available. You need this if your learning Chinese characters!

NOTE: I bought Vol 1 and Vol 2 of these books. I am still on Vol 1 and this review is based on practicing 178 characters so far from Vol 1. I wish my hearing was good enough to learn a second language but it isn't so the only thing I can do is learn about languages. One of my hobbies is learning other languages' sentence construction, use of phrases, alphabets, etc. Practicing writing Chinese characters and discovering how ideas are assembled with the characters is relaxing. But I don't understand the order of characters in this book. Were they placed by amount of use or some other reason? I am up to 178 characters out of 250 in Vol 1 and I haven't understood any build up or building on past characters. Maybe I am learning something without realizing it but I wish some goal was more apparent to me. Perhaps I lack patients as a high school graduate in China is expected to know about 10,000 characters so I have a very long way to go to even by a 1st grader:-)

This book is absolutely one of the two keys to learning Mandarin. (The other is the Pimsleur programs.) I never thought I'd learn this challenging language, even though I'm conversant in three LOTE already; but this book is helping me learn how to write in Mandarin. It also has each new character or word in various contexts to show shades of meaning, which is really important in a tonal language. I highly recommend this and its companion volume, 1, along with the Pimsleur program, which I'm sure you can get on .

Excellent product.

100% satisfied.

Native Mandarin Chinese speaker but I cannot read/write since I was raised in USA (go figure with the stupid English only policy many people in this country hold) and this is helping me improve my proficiency in Chinese. For Americans who want to learn, this is really helpful.

Not only do you master Mandarin characters but also increase your vocabulary and reading abilities. First quality book

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